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| Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal | |
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| Art Unit : 2815 | Customer No. : 27,076 |
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| Title : DEVICE AND METHOD FOR PROTECTING AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID DEVICE | |

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Sir:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated October 5, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.